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For: SUSTAINED RELEASE SURGICAL DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING AND USING

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2009, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows and consider the following remarks.